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1. EMBOFF SPOKE WITH REVEREND THEO KOTZE, CAPE DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE (CI), AFTERNOON JUNE 5. KOTZE AGREES WITH BEYERS NAUDE (REFTEL B) THAT FURTHER SAG SUPPRESSION OF CI ORGANIZATION AND STAFF IS PROBABLE. KOTZE NOTED THAT NAUDE HAS BECOME FOCAL POINT OF OBSESSIVE AFRIKANER HATRED, AS WAS DEMONSTRATED IN VITRIOLIC DENUNCIATIONS DURING PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE (REF C), AND THAT SAG ANXIOUS TO BAN HIM. KOTZE FEELS THAT GOVERNMENT IS WAITING TO ASSESS INTERNATIONAL REACTION ON DESIGNATION OF CI AS AFFECTED ORGANIZATION BEFORE MAKING FURTHER MOVES. OTHER "PRIME CANDIDATES" FOR BANNING ARE HIMSELF AND HORST KLEINSCHMIDT, DIRECTOR OF PROGRAM FOR SOCIAL CHANGE, AND CI MAGAZINE PRO VERITATE WHICH, HE FEELS, WILL BE OUTLAWED BY NEW STATE CENSORSHIP MECHANISM.

2. ON CI'S PLANS FOR FUTURE, KOTZE STATED THAT ECONOMIZING MOVES, WHICH HAD ALREADY BEGUN, WILL CONTINUE. STAFF WILL
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ATTEMPT TO GET JOBS WITH SYMPATHETIC INSTITUTIONS WHICH WILL

ALLOW THEM TO CONTINUE CI WORK ON UNPAID BASIS (KOTZE HIMSELF HAS ACCEPTED PULPIT OF NEARBY CHURCH). SOME OF CI'S PROGRAMS MAY BE TRANSFERRED TO OTHER EXISTING, OR TO BE CREATED, ORGANIZATIONS WHICH NOT INELIGIBLE FOR FOREIGN FUNDING. FINALLY, KOTZE NOTED THAT CI'S LAWYERS HAVE DISCOVERED POSSIBLE LOOPHOLE IN AFFECTED ORGANIZATIONS ACT THROUGH WHICH GIFTS IN KIND FROM OVERSEAS (WHICH COULD THEN BE SOLD IN SOUTH AFRICA) MAY BE ABLE TO SLIP. (EMBASSY POUCHING TO L/AF CI COUNSEL'S VIEW ON THIS SUBJECT).

3. KOTZE SUGGESTED THAT RELEASE OF LE GRANGE REPORT ON CI AND DESIGNATION OF INSTITUTE AS AN AFFECTED ORGANIZATION TIMED TO COINCIDE WITH SYNOD OF NGK IN AFRICA. LATTER IS PREDOMINANTLY AFRICAN NGK "DAUGHTER CHURCH", INDIVIDUAL MINISTERS OF WHICH HAVE BEEN INCREASINGLY SUPPORTING CI. RESOLUTION TO BE PROPOSED IN ITS SYNOD, NOW TAKING PLACE IN WORCESTER, FOR FULL PARTICIPATION IN CI AS AN ENTITY IS SEEN, ACCORDING TO KOTZE, AS DIRECT THREAT BY NGK HIERARCHY. KOTZE'S THEORY ON TIMING IS ONE OF MANY, NONE OF WHICH WE CAN CORROBORATE. NONETHELESS IT IS CONGRUENT WITH GENERAL BELIEF, BORNE OUT BY COMMISSION'S EMPHASIS ON PROBING CI'S SUPPORT OF BLACK POWER AND THEOLOGY, THAT SAG SEES CI AS THREAT MORE FOR ITS WORK AMONG BLACKS RATHER THAN AMONG WHITES.

4. GOVERNMENT'S FURTHER INTENTIONS ARE OBSCURE. IN JUNE 6 CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR, UNITED PARTY LEADER SIR DE VILLIERS GRAAFF SAID THE HE THOUGH GOVT WOULD TAKE NO FURTHER ACTION AGAINST CI AS INSTITUTION OR AGAINST INDIVIDUAL LEADERS. OTHERS, HOWEVER, ARE LESS CONFIDENT THAT SAG WILL PULL BACK FROM ATTACK NOW. DURING PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE JUNE 5, PROG MP VAN ZYL SLABBERT CHALLENGED GOVERNMENT TO BRING CHARGES AGAINST NAUDE, KOTZE, AND OTHERS IN A COURT OF LAW IF IT BELIEVED CRIMES HAD BEEN COMMITTED. MINJUSTICE KRUGER SAID THAT GOVERNMENT DID NOT INTEND TO DO THIS BECAUSE TRUTH OFTEN OBSCURED IN THE "CUT AND THRUST" OF THE COURTROOM. WHEN ASKED BY PROG MP ALEX BORRAINE WHAT HE WAS PLANNING TO DO ABOUT NAUDE AND OTHERS, KRUGER SAID: "THAT'S THE TWENTY MILLION RAND QUESTION." HE PROMISED TO REFER TO IT LATER IN DEBATE BUT DID NOT DO SO.

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5. THERE HAVE BEEN NO SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE COURT CASES OF CI MEMBERS WHO REFUSED TO TESTIFY BEFORE COMMISSION SINCE EMBASSY'S LAST REPORT (REF D). CASE OF PETER RANDALL, FORMER SPROCAS DIRECTOR, FINALLY HEARD IN PRETORIA REGIONAL COURT MAY 28. RANDALL'S LEGAL ARGUMENT, AS OUTLINED IN PRESS, IS CONTINUATION OF "JUST OR SUFFICIENT CAUSE" LINE USED IN OTHER CASES.

6. IN ORDER TO LET SAG KNOW THAT WE ARE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS CLOSELY AND ARE CONCERNED ABOUT ACTION AGAINST THE CI, AMBASSADOR HAS RAISED ISSUE WITH FONMIN MULLER AND INTERIOR DEPUTY MINISTER LA GRANGE. HE INQUIRED ABOUT FACTORS WHICH LED SAG TO TAKE THIS ACTION AGAINST CI AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME AND WHETHER ADVERSE IMPACT ABROAD HAD BEEN CONSIDERED, PARTICULARLY WHEN SAG IN PUBLIC SPOTLIGHT IN UNSC. THEIR STANDARD ANSWER WAS THAT CI IS ENGAGING IN POLITICAL ACTIVITY, FINANCED LARGELY FROM ABROAD, DIRECTED AT THE SECURITY OF THE STATE AND THIS HAS TO BE STOPPED. BOTH INDICATED THAT FOREIGN RELATIONS HAD BEEN CAREFULLY WEIGHED AND DECISION HAD BEEN MADE TO PROCEED DESPITE ANTICIPATED ADVERSE REPERCUSSIONS IN EUROPE AND THE U.S. BOWDLER

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